(b) what steps are being taken by Government to extend these benefits to all the Beedi workers; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against owners of those Beedi factories who have violated the provisions of law in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) A Group Insurance Scheme was introduced w.e.f. 1-4-1992. A Statement showing the number of beedi workers covered under the Group Insurance Scheme during 1992-93 and under the Provident Fund Scheme for the last two years, year-wise and State-wise is attached. (see below).

(b) The Group Insurance Scheme is applicable to the beedi workers who hold identity cards and are not subscribers to the Employees Provident Fund Scheme. Provident Fund Organisation is making vigorous efforts to enrol more number of workers under the Employees Provident Fund Scheme.

(c) The employees have no liability under the Group Insurance Scheme. Whenever any act of commission or omission by the employers comes to notice, penal action is taken for violation of the Employees Provident Fund and Misc. Provisions Act, 1952.

Statement

Sl. No.	State	No. of Beedi workers covered under Group Insurance Scheme during 1992-93.	No. of Beedi workers covered under the Employees Provident Fund Scheme as on	
			31-3-1992	31-3-1993
1.	Madhya Pradesh	3,30,000	71,618	71,642
2.	West Bengal	1,62,580	37,035	37,158
3.	Orissa	34,200	5,160	5,160
4.	Maharashtra	55,000	1,15,896	1,18,637
5.	Gujarat	19,643	418	418
6.	Andhra Pradesh	25,000	2,36,932	2,87,657
7.	Rajasthan	15,438	7,109	7,902
8.	Tamil Nadu	50,000	2,54,925	2,61,348
9.	Karnataka	4,043	2,53,171	2,63,398
10.	Kerala		99,397	1,02,637
11.	Bihar	2,05,700	2,849	2,847
12.	Uttar Pradesh	1,40,000	1,450	1,750

Accumulations in Provident Fund

777. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total accumulation of fund in ESI, EPF, CMPF and other PFs, respectively, upto date;

(b) what is the total amount of dues against the employees; and

(c) what is the total amount of unclaimed and undisbursed amount of PF and other funds ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Violation of Labour Laws By M/s. Purolator India Limited

778. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Purolator India Limited, New Delhi, Parwanoo and Gurgaon are violating various provisions of the Labour laws by way of recruiting persons on temporary basis so as to avoid making PPF subscriptions, Bonus and ESI benefits to them;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the company has been making payments of wages/salaries to such persons on "Kacha" voucher without keeping them on the Company's rolls;

(c) if so, whether present Company Secretary of the company is directly responsible for the present state of affairs in the company; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what action Government propose to take against the persons concerned and to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (d) The informtion is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House at the earliest.

Presiding Officer at Industrial Tribunal, Bombay.

779. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state :

(a) the time since when the Central Government Industrial Tribunal at Bombay is without a presiding Officer;

(b) whether Government have received representations from Central Trade Unions to appoint a Presiding Officer;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government on such representations; and

(d) what is the manner in which Government propose to compensate the litigants especially workers whose interest has been harmed by the delay in filling up the vacancy of Presiding Officer in CGIT, Bombay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (d) The post of Presiding Officer, Central Government Industrial Trbunal-cum-Labour Court (National Industrial Tribunal), No. 1, Bombay fell vacant on 20th December, 1991 consequent upon superannuation of the incumbent. Thereafter, two retired High Court Judges who were selected for the post successively declined the offer of appointment. Several representations were received from various organisations/association trade unions for filling up the post expeditiously. The post has since been filled up w.e.f. 19-4-1993.

12.00 Noon

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, papers to be laid on the Table.

Dr. Abrar Ahmed.
The Deputy Chairman in the Chair.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Reports and Accounts (1991-92) of the various Regional Rural Banks and related papers.

II. Notifications of the Bank of India, Bombay, UCO Bank, Calcutta and Vijaya Bank, Bangalore.

III. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance.